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Agenda

- Traditional fixed-route public transportation (US focused)
- The purpose of public transportation today
- Defining and measuring success
- The role of private mobility partners

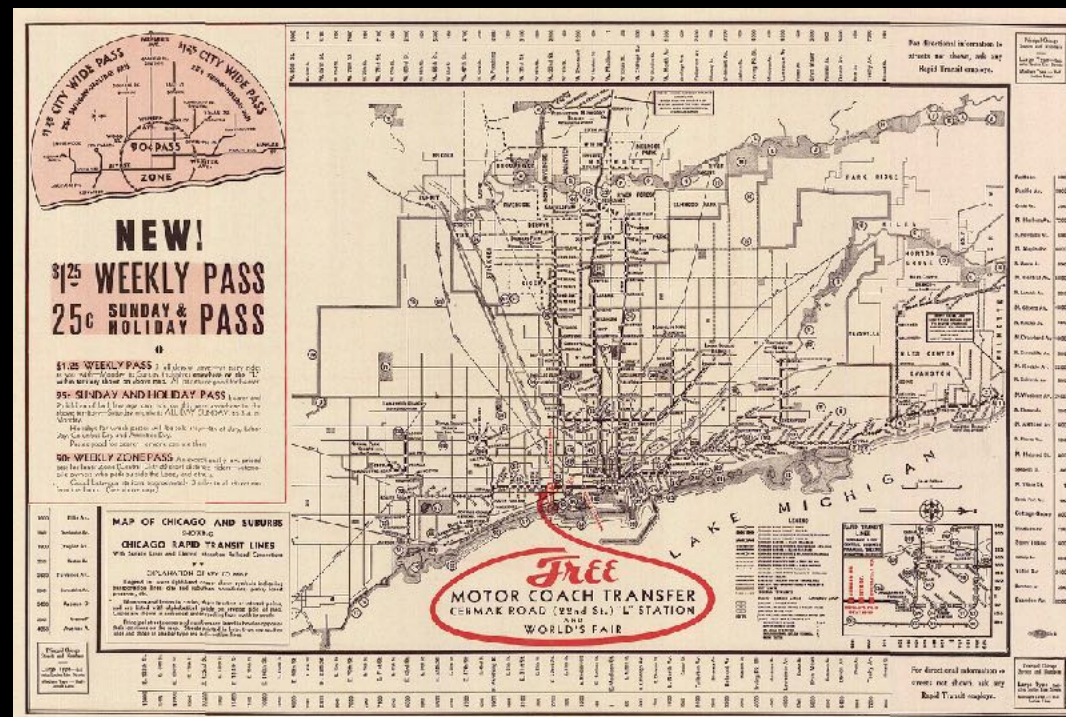
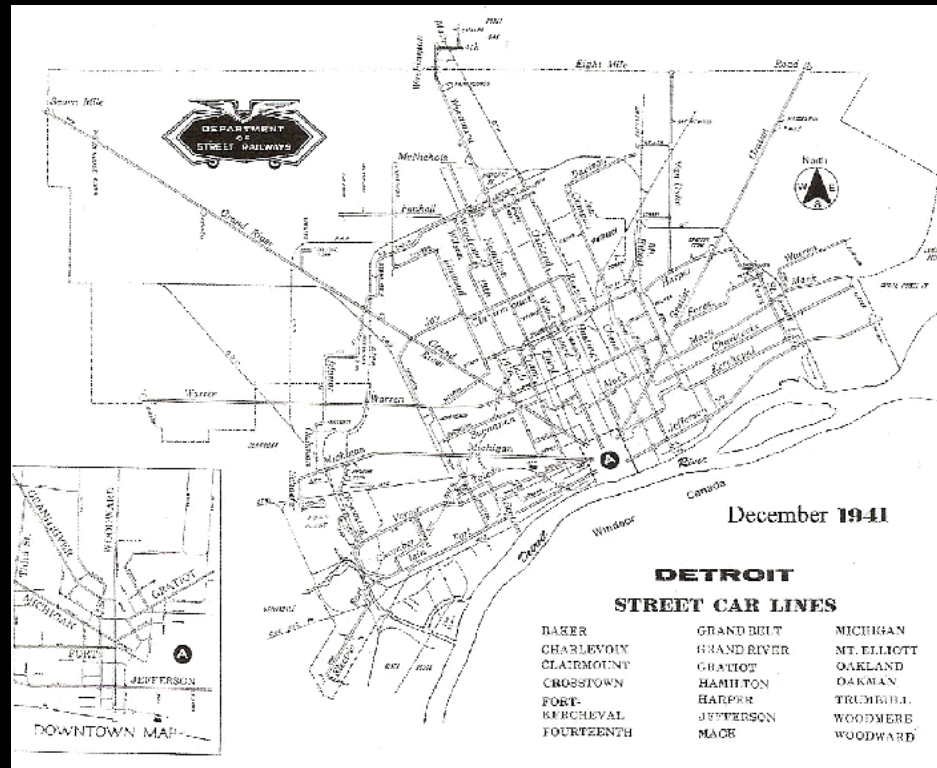
Traditional Fixed-Route Public Transportation

Pre-War History

- Cities developed around transit, creating positive cycle
- Pre-war: usually fastest and cheapest way to travel
- Little competition from the private car



Cities Built Around Transit



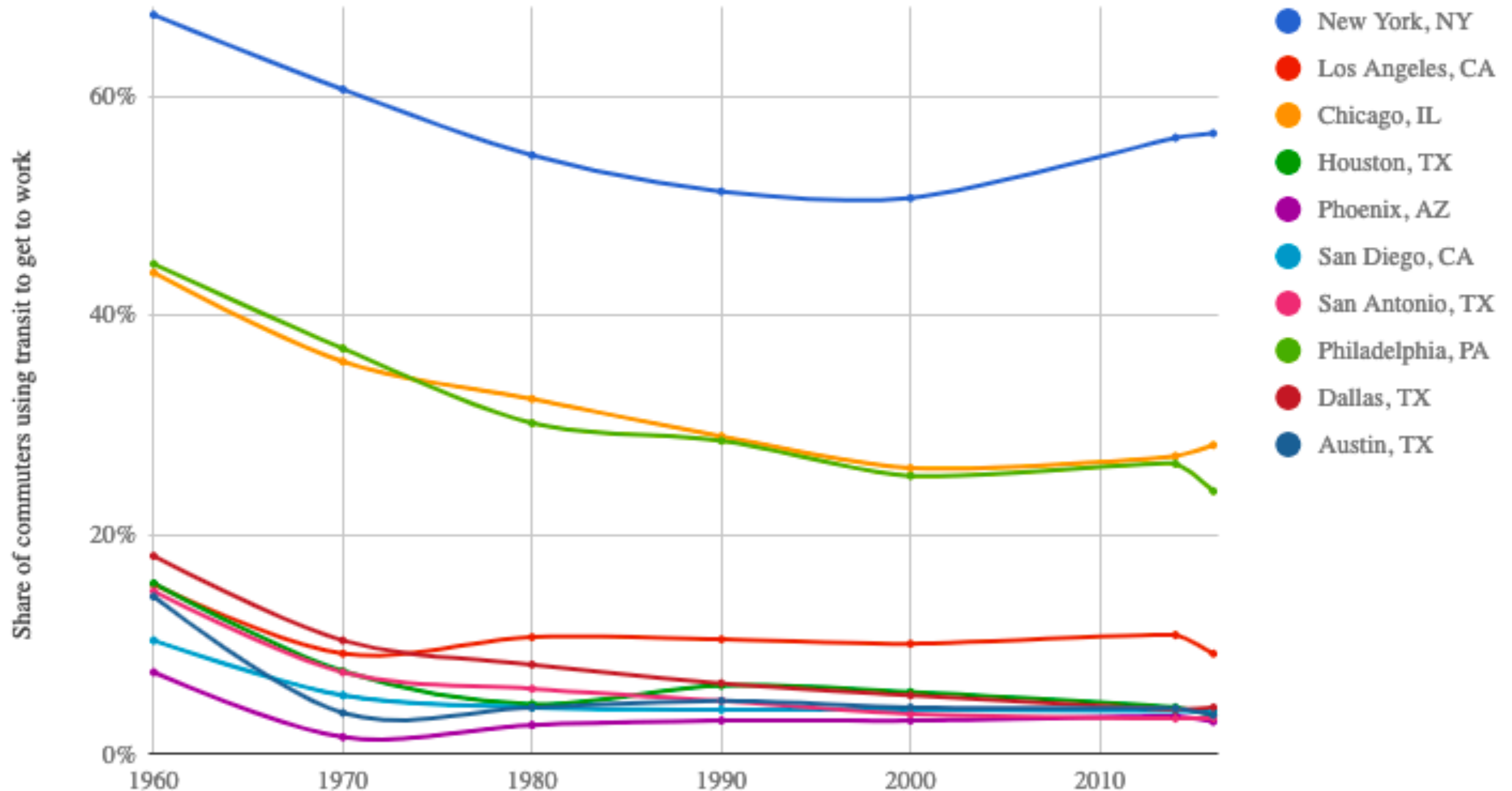
Post War to Today

- Massive subsidies lead to shift towards private automobiles
- Highway construction, parking, auto-oriented development
- Today: transit is no longer the fastest or even cheapest method to travel (outside of parts of major transit cities)
- Today: Due to land use and competition, transit share falls, goes public



Post War Trends

Commuting by transit, 1960-2016, 10 largest commuting cities



Created by Yonah Freemark @ The Transport Politic | Source: U.S. Census

**What is the Purpose of
Public Transportation?**

Purpose of Public Transportation

- Sell bus and train rides?
- Reduce congestion?

Purpose of Public Transportation

Connect people to social and economic opportunities at low cost to user, accessible to all, with minimal environmental impact, and minimal impact to walkable urban form

Tools of the Trade



What Does Transit Do Well?

- Move large numbers of people through small spaces
- Enables density and walkability of cities
- Low impact to environment
- Low cost to users

What Does Transit Not Do Well?

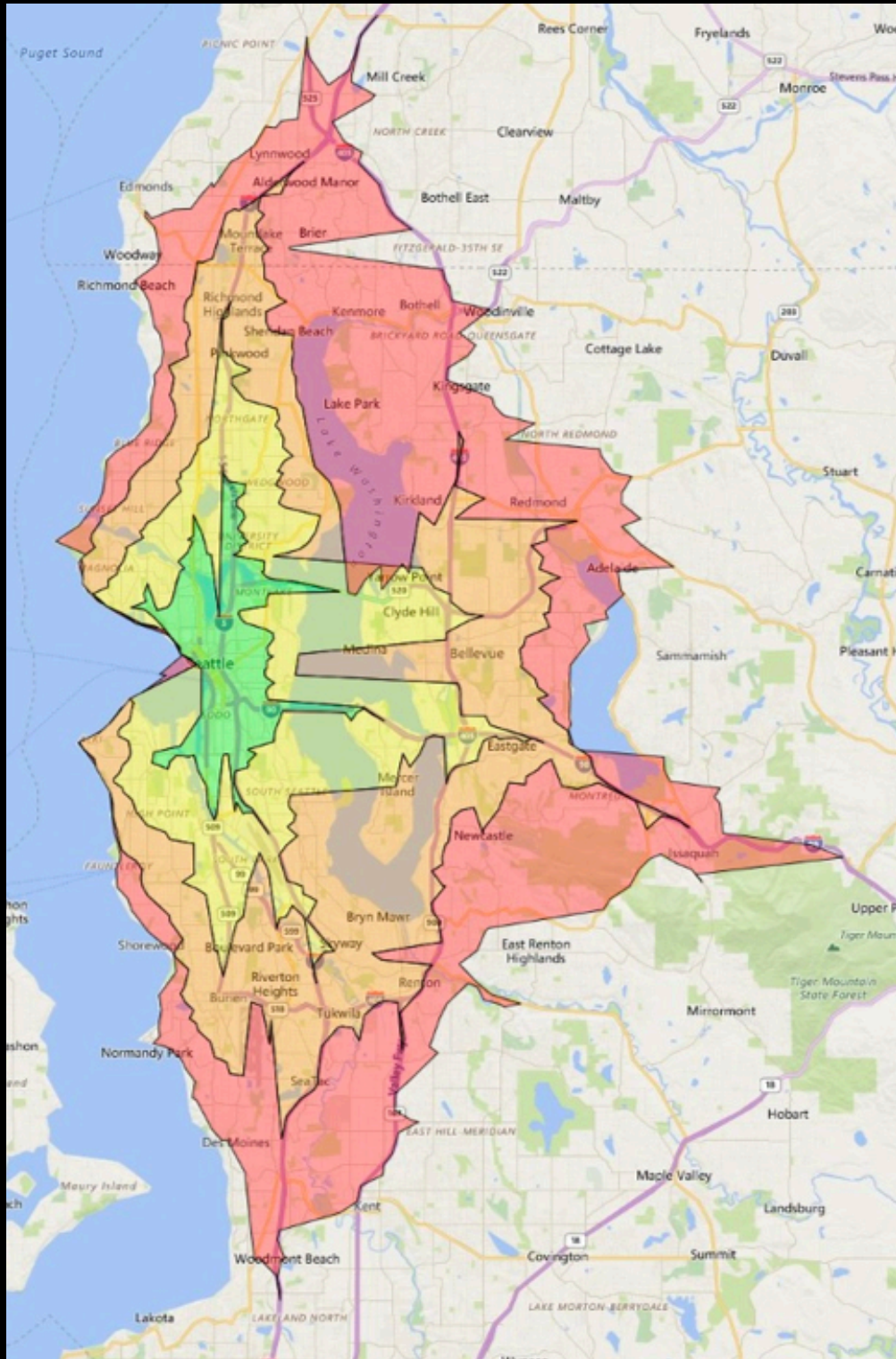
- Connecting many to many (suburbs, paratransit)
- Off peak (fewer riders, cost per passenger rises, frequencies drop)
- Lower density areas
- Gentrification pushing transit's best customers out and away from where transit succeeds

Defining and Measuring Success

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Connect people to social and economic opportunities at low cost to user, accessible to all, with minimal environmental impact and minimal impact to walkable urban form

Accessibility Score



- How do we put more green and yellow on this map, while minimizing...
- Cost to user, cost to system
- Emissions
- Space
- Inequitable distribution of benefits

**Can New Mobility Play a
Role?**


Start with Redefining Transit


Decide how best to allocate transportation subsidies to **achieve goals** (connect people to social and economic opportunities) while **minimizing negative impacts** (low cost to user, accessible to all, minimal environmental impact, and minimal impact to walkable urban form)


Start with Redefining Transit


- Mass transit will still come up as the best option for many scenarios
- However, there is a role for new mobility to complement transit
 - Transit - low to high cost, high capacity, low environmental impact, low space impact
 - Uber - potentially low cost, on-demand
 - JUMP bikes - very low cost, electric, minimal space impact
 - Scooters - very low cost, electric, minimal space impact


Extending Transit's Reach


 SET SEARCH OPTIONS


 Take Transit



Transit + Bike



Transit + Biketown



Park & Ride


Transit + car2go


Transit + Uber



Transit + Lyft


 Walk Only


 Bike Only


Travel Preferences

USE

 Bus


 MAX & Streetcar

 WES

 Aerial Tram


MAXIMUM WALK

3/4 mile

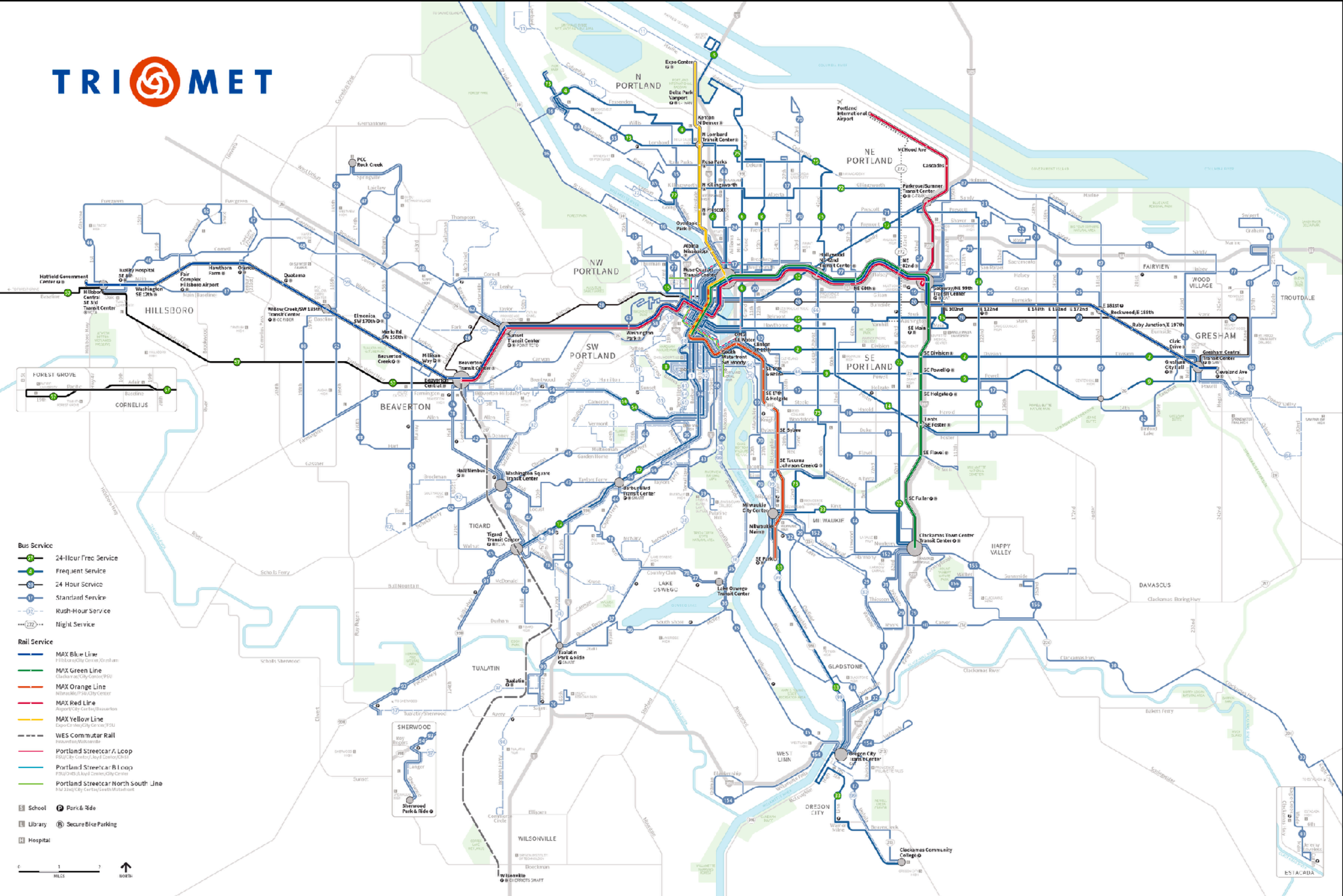


WALK SPEED

3 MPH



Plan Trip



Extending Transit's Reach

- Innisfil, Ontario - 36,000 people north of Toronto
- On-demand transit coverage through Uber
- \$150,000 over 10 months to subsidize 26,700 trips
- Would have been \$439,000 capital + \$541,000 operations costs for fixed-route

Extending Transit's Reach

- On-demand Paratransit
- Journey planning
- Mobile ticketing
- Mobility-as-a-Service

Thank you

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